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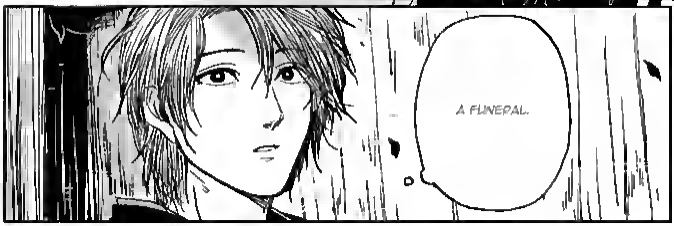

A FUNERAL.

.....
HE WAS ONLY A STUDENT

HOW SAD

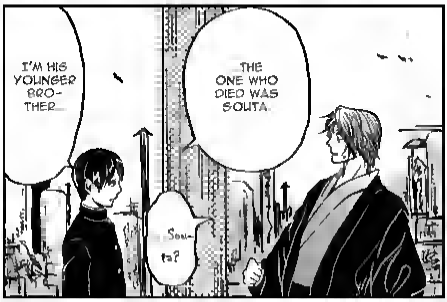
I found you.
GRANT MY WISH.
I'M TRYING TO FORGET IT.
IT WAS MY FAULT.
TOUCH ME.
...I WANT YOU TO COME.
MESS ME UP
IT CAN'T BE HELPED...
...NN.

HMM?
Get up
...
A DREAM.....
chirp
chirp
QUITE A VULGAR ONE...
.....
!
It felt as if I was really touching him...
A BRAND NEW TOMB-STONE. IT HAS YESTERDAY'S DATE. AGE OF DEATH WAS 17...
THIS MUST BE HIS GRAVE
I SHOULD'VE AT LEAST BROUGHT SOME INCENSE...
.....
...What did you say in my dream?
appear

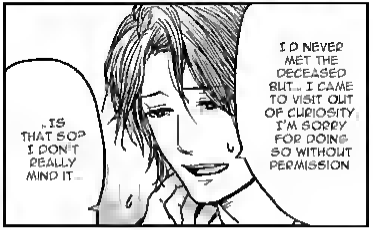
Y—
aren't dead....?
You

Wha?!

WHO ARE YOU?
AH... WELL I... HAPPENED TO SEE THE FUNERAL PROCESSION YESTERDAY


I'M HIS YOUNGER BROTHER...
...THE ONE WHO DIED WAS SOUTA.
Sou-ta?

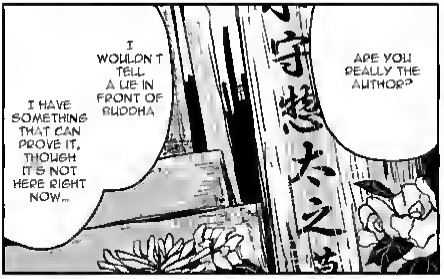
...HE WAS STILL SO YOUNG THOUGH WHAT HAPPENED?
...HE TRIPPED ON THE STAIRS AND DIED INSTANTLY


I'D NEVER MET THE DECEASED BUT... I CAME TO VISIT OUT OF CURIOSITY I'M SORRY FOR DOING SO WITHOUT PERMISSION
...IS THAT SO? I DON'T REALLY MIND IT...

A SUDDEN DEATH HOW UNFORTUNATE
YOU'VE COME AGAIN TODAY EVEN THOUGH THE BRAVE WAS ALREADY FILLED YESTERDAY I GUESS YOU TWO WERE REALLY CLOSE
.....
I'M JUST HERE TO OFFER THE BOOK THAT MY BROTHER LOVED WHEN HE WAS STILL ALIVE
I'D INTENDED TO DO THIS DURING HIS CREMATION
BUT SINCE IT'S ALSO MY FAVORITE BOOK I HESITATED AND DIDN'T MAKE IT IN TIME
THAT'S RESPECTABLE
.....
HMP
THAT.... ISN'T THAT THE BOOK I WROTE?
EH

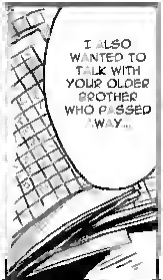
...KANAME IT'S MIZUMORI KANAME
YOU... WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
NO WAY... I DIDN'T THINK THAT I'D BE ABLE TO SEE MY OWN BOOK IN A PLACE LIKE THIS

I'M TSUJIURA RYOUSUKE...
.....
Tenjo no Yuusei Kakuriyo

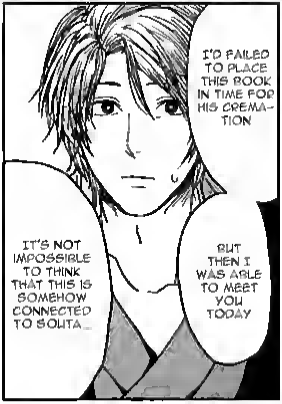

ARE YOU REALLY THE AUTHOR?
I WOULDN'T TELL A LIE IN FRONT OF BUDDHA
I HAVE SOMETHING THAT CAN PROVE IT, THOUGH IT'S NOT HERE RIGHT NOW...

WOULD YOU LIKE TO COME TO MY HOUSE AND CONFIRM IT?

A PERFECT AND RESPECTABLE PERSON...
...MY OLDER BROTHER, SOUTA, WAS


I ALSO WANTED TO TALK WITH YOUR OLDER BROTHER WHO PASSED AWAY...

The only thing the perfect Souta and the worthless me had in common was this book
But Souta looked out for me and treated me nicely
Even though we were siblings I have no redeeming traits. I always felt that whenever we were together Souta's reputation got damaged. So I kept my distance as much as possible.
Even our parents and teachers expected him to have a promising future. He was the complete opposite of me.
His face was always bright and lively.
HEY KANAME, WHAT ARE YOU READING?
Tengu no Yome Kakushi
I really had fun
The only time I ever felt special was when we talked about the story of the book together.


I'D FAILED TO PLACE THIS BOOK IN TIME FOR HIS CREMATION
BUT THEN I WAS ABLE TO MEET YOU TODAY
IT'S NOT IMPOSSIBLE TO THINK THAT THIS IS SOMEHOW CONNECTED TO SOUTA...

THE AUTHOR WOULD HAVE BEEN DISILLUSIONED BY THAT KIND OF MAN
NO! IT'S NOT DISILLUSIONMENT AT ALL...

YOU ARE THE AUTHOR OF THE BOOK WHICH SOUTA AND I RESPECT AND LOVE...
I'M TREMBLING WITH EXCITEMENT AND JOY

IF I'M AVAILABLE, YOU CAN COME ANYTIME.
CONNECTING TO A DEAD PERSON.
WILL... WE MEET AGAIN IN THE FUTURE?
MY FATHER WAS KILLED IN WAR AND I LOST MY MOTHER IN AN EPIDEMIC. AND I HAVE NO SIBLINGS EITHER
I'M ALL ALONE IN THIS WORLD NOW.
NO, IT'S FINE. WHENEVER I SEE KANAME-KUN, I FEEL LIKE I HAVE A YOUNGER BROTHER
...DOES TSUJIURA-SAN'S FAMILY LIVE IN THE COUNTRY?
I'M SORRY IF I'VE BEEN COMING HERE TOO OFTEN
BUT I ALREADY FEEL AT EASE
BECAUSE KANAME-KUN HAVE BEEN COMING RECENTLY
IT'S FUN

...I M HOME
KANAME!
WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN HANGING OUT RECENTLY UNTIL SO LATE?!
JUST BECAUSE SOUTA'S GONE DOESN'T MEAN YOU CAN TAKE IT EASY
AFTER ALL, YOU STILL GET POOR GRADES NO MATTER WHAT YOU DO!
turn
AH, HEY!
YOU SHOULD FOLLOW SOUTA'S EXAMPLE AND STUDY HARD TO BECOME A RESPECTABLE MAN!
WHAT'S WITH THAT ATTITUDE!
Even though I have my parents, I'm lonely
SAYING THINGS LIKE THAT WON'T BRING SOUTA BACK...
DEAR, PLEASE STOP IT ALREADY
THEY WERE RAISED IN THE SAME ENVIRONMENT BUT SOUTA AND THAT BOY ARE SO DIFFERENT!
I'm still in Souta's shadow even after his death

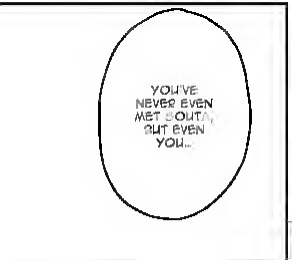
THAT'S NOT ENOUGH.
MORE.
LISTEN WELL.
DO YOUR PART.
TSUJIURA.
YOU ARE MY IMPORTANT EXISTENCE.

TSUJIURA-SAN...?

I—

KANAME-KUN.
...mm
Aah!!!

I THOUGHT THAT YOU WERE SOUTA-KUN...


YOU'VE NEVER EVEN MET SOUTA, BUT EVEN YOU...

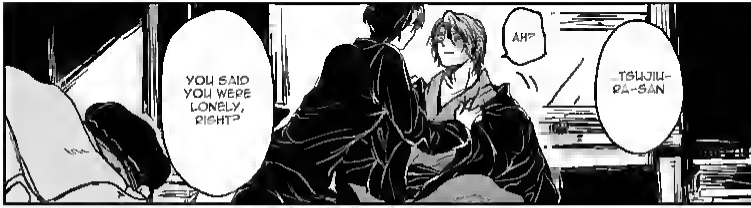
...WHY?
HUH?
...W—
WHY...

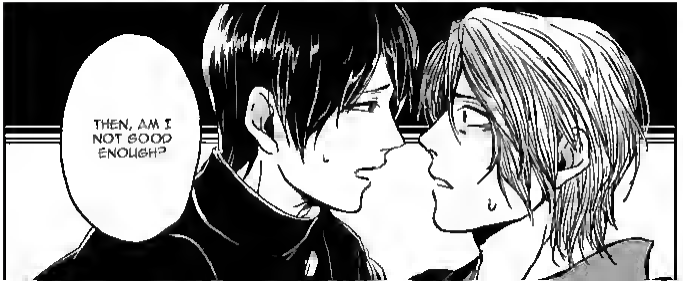
IT WAS ME
.....
KAI NAME-KUN...?
EVERY-ONE... ALL OF YOU ONLY CARE ABOUT SOUTA.
NO MATTER HOW HARD I TRY, I STILL WON'T BE ABLE TO MATCH UP TO SOUTA
...THAT DAY
EH?
IT WAS ME WHO PUSHED SOUTA DOWN THE STAIRS
SINCE IT WAS DANGEROUS, SOUTA LED ME BY THE HAND
THEN
WHEN WE WERE GOING HOME TOGETHER, I TRIPPED ON THE STAIRWAY AND STUMBLED
I RAN AWAY AND LEFT HIM THERE
IT WAS DISMISSED AS AN ACCIDENTAL DEATH SINCE THERE WERE NO EYE WITNESSES.
I NEVER HAD THE INTENTION TO KILL. BUT THEN
I FELT LIKE I WAS BEING TREATED LIKE A CHILD
I HATED IT
FELL AND STOPPED MOVING
WHEN I SHOOK OFF HIS HAND SOUTA LOST HIS FOOTING

SOUTA WAS ALWAYS ABLE TO DO EVERYTHING PERFECTLY
AND I HATED IT

...DIDN'T SOUTA DIE IN ORDER TO CONNECT ME TO YOU?

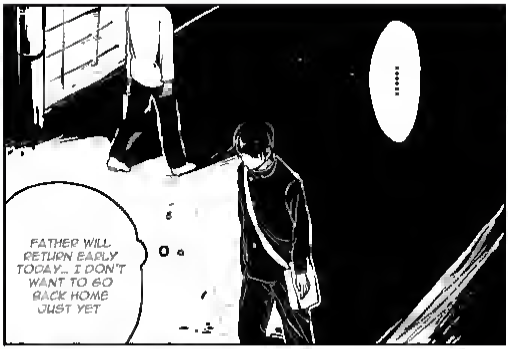
I WOULDN'T GET THE CHANCE TO TALK WITH YOU EVEN THOUGH WE LIVE IN THE SAME TOWN
IF I HADN'T KILLED SOUTA THAT TIME...
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING...


YOU SAID YOU WERE LONELY, RIGHT?
AH?
...TSUJII-SA-SAN


THEN, AM I NOT GOOD ENOUGH?

Nn

Ever since that day we would just join our bodies together whenever we meet


FATHER WILL RETURN EARLY TODAY... I DON'T WANT TO GO BACK HOME JUST YET
.....
YEAH SEE YOU TOMOR-ROW
COME AGAIN TOMOR-ROW

IT'S TSUJIURA-SAN I WONDER IF HE HAS SOME BUSINESS TO ATTEND TO

COME TO MY DREAM TONIGHT TOO
SOUTA-KUN...
KANAME-KUN IS A GOOD CHILD... ...NO I SEEM TO HEAR YOUR VOICE CLEARLY TOO.
I WANT TO TOUCH YOU.
...AM I NOT GOOD ENOUGH?
Being dead sure is nice.

Thanks for reading!

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